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**Little Village Special Event Space Designated as a Chicago Landmark**

South Lawndale's historic Apollo's 2000 special events venue was designated an official Chicago Landmark by City Council today.

Opened as the Marshall Square Theatre in 1917 at 2875 W. Cermak Road, the two-story Beaux Arts building originally contained 1,800 seats for vaudeville shows and silent movies, as well as six retail storefronts and second-story office space. In 1989, Javier and Linda Galindos purchased the building and repurposed the auditorium for banquets and live performances.

In recognition of the building's heritage and architecture, the landmark designation protects all exterior elevations and rooflines, as well as the interior lobby and auditorium. Interior alterations from the 1990s are excluded from protection under the ordinance.

The designation was recommended by the Commission on Chicago Landmarks in February 2024.

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**Funding Approved for Environmental Clean-up of Logan Square Plaza Site**

The future site of a planned public plaza in Logan Square will undergo environmental prep work funded by \$24,000 in Open Space Impact Fees (OSIF) approved by City Council today.

The funds will cover remediation costs for the 7,000-square-foot site at 2420 N. Sacramento Ave., which is owned by the City and primarily used for parking. Once complete, planning and programming work for passive recreation and related uses will move forward with community representatives.

The OSIF program leverages fees paid by residential construction projects to help offset the impact of new residents within each of the city's 77 community areas.

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